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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: A. Elamin
KOJI FUKUNAGA et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2116
Application No.: 09/025,133)
: Filed: February 17, 1998)
: For: DATA TRANSMISSION)
: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND)
: METHOD, AND IMAGE)
: PROCESSING APPARATUS) August 29, 2006

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM
ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) - ISSUE FEE PAID

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue, the issue and publication fees having been paid on May 1, 2006.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted concurrently herewith, together with an Information Disclosure Statement. In accordance with § 1.313(a), Applicants submit that withdrawal of this application from issue is necessary for the Examiner to determine the patentability of the allowed claims by considering the art cited in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

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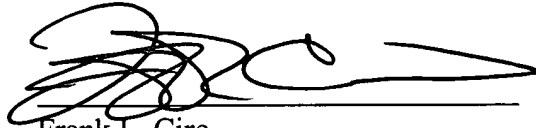
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The petition fee of \$130.00, set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), together with the \$790.00 RCE fee, is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee in connection with the present Petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', written over a horizontal line.

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